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SUBJECT: UNESCO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES REACTIONS OF

DG M'BOW TO GOI LETTER

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- 1. M'BOW REVIEWED CONTENTS GOI LETTER AND REACTED MORE IN DISAPPOINTMENT THAN ANGER, ACCORDING TO NAJMAN WHO PHONED PERMREP SUNDAY.
- 2. M'BOW WILL NOT AGREE TO GOI PROPOSAL FOR "SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE". NAJMAN SAYS THIS IS DEFINITE.
- 3. M'BOW PLANS REPORT ALL FACTS TO GEN. CONF. IN CALM, REASONABLE TONE AND SAY THAT HE HAS DONE HIS BEST TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE OF THE GEN. CONF., BUT HAS FAILED. HE WILL THEN LEAVE THE MATTER TO THE GEN. CONF. FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION.
- 4. NAJMAN SAID THAT M'BOW WILL NOT LET ISSUE OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES EFFECT HIS EFFORTS FOR RESOLUTION CONFIDENTIAL

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OF REGIONAL ISSUE, JERUSALEM OR ZIONISM. M'BOW WILL

CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AND PREVENT POLITICAL ISSUES DEVELOPING AT THE GEN. CONF. M'BOW CONTINUES TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE REGIONAL ISSUE AND JERUSALEM WILL BE WORKED OUT AND THE ZIONISM ISSUE CAN BE KEPT OUT.

- 5. M'BOW WILL NOT REPLY TO THE GOI LETTER UNTIL FRIDAY WHEN HE RETURNS FROM VENICE. HE WILL SEND A LETTER IN REPLY AND A DRAFT OR DRAFTS WILL BE PREPARED FOR HIM TO CONSIDER WHEN HE RETURNS. NAJMAN SAID HE HAS NOT YET THOUGHT OF THE WORDING OF THE LETTER.
- 6. NAJMAN STILL FEELS IT IS POSSIBLE TO SALVAGE THE SITUATION IF THE GOI WOULD RECONSIDER AND PERMIT ENTRY OF THE TEAM. M'BOW HAS SET TUESDAY THE 21ST AS THE LAST DATE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR A TEAM TO GO AND STILL HAVE TIME TO MAKE A REPORT. M'BOW IS ADAMANT THAT THERE BE SOME KIND OF REPORT TO THE GEN. CONF.
- 7. HOWEVER, NAJMAN FEELS THAT THE TIME FRAME IS STILL FLEXIBLE, BUT THAT THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE ITS POSITION BY FRIDAY, THE 24TH BEFORE M'BOW SIGNS THE LETTER. ONCE THE LETTER IS SENT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY ROOM FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION. THE TEAM WOULD HAVE TO DEPART BY THE END OF THIS WEEK FOR THERE TO BE TIME FOR A REPORT. NAJMAN SAID M'BOW IS ABSOLUTELY ADAMANT THAT SOME KINE OF A REPORT BE READY FOR SENDING

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TO CAPITALS BEFORE OPENING OF THE GEN. CONF., EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF A FEW DAYS. M'BOW FEELS THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY HE CAN KEEP CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. IF THE TEAM CAN MAKE AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY REPORT HE CAN FEND OFF ARAB CHARGES THAT HE HAS GIVEN INTO THE GOI. NAJMAN SAID THE ARABS WARNED M'BOW THAT GOI WOULD NOT RECEIVE A TEAM PRIOR TO THE GEN. CONF, BUT M'BOW PERSISTED.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS: IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE US TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF M'BOW. THEREFORE, PERM DEL RECOMMENDS THAT AN IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE BE MADE TO GOI ASKING THEM TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. THEY SHOULD BE URGED TO ACCEPT THE TWO-MAN TEAM FOR ARRIVAL THIS WEEK. WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT FAILURE BY M'BOW ON THIS ISSUE WILL SURELY PLAY INTO HANDS OF MORE RADI-CAL ARABS. M'BOW'S EFFECTIVENESS ON OTHER ISSUES, I.E. ZIONISM, JERUSALEM AND THE REGIONAL GROUP WILL BE IM-PAIRED. HE WILL HAVE SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF FACE BEFORE THE ARABS AND HIS FELLOW AFRICANS. A TEAM VISIT NOW WOULD PRODUCE, AT MOST, ONLY A SHORT REPORT AND A LATER VISIT OF MORE DEPTH COULD BE FIXED. THE TEAM IS NOW REDUCED TO TWO MEMBERS, THE INDIAN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO. A TOUGH GEN. CONF. RESOLUTION MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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BE MORE DAMAGING AND CREATE THE POSSIBILITY OF UNREST IN THE TERRITORIES THAN THE VISIT OF A TWO-MAN TEAM FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. ALSO, A TOUGH RESOLUTION WILL RECEIVE PUBLICITY AND WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOI AND UNESCO TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR FUTURE COOPERATION ON THE TERRITORIES ISSUE. M'BOW WAS CAREFUL IN HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOI NOT TO REFERENCE IN ANY WAY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS TO WHICH THE GOI OBJECTED. HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS AFTER THE GEN. CONF. AND THE TERRITORIES ISSUE MAY CONTINUE TO ESCALATE WITH TOUGHER AND MORE DAMAGING RESOLUTIONS IN THE OFFING. RUSH

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